

(100) to discharge a bale accumulated on a center portion (114) of a load bed (113) along a bale receiving axis (201) without the load bed (113) interfering with a successively received bale. A selective bale discharge control module (1093) permits the accumulator (100) to selectively control a discharge of bales received on a bale receiving portion (114) of a load bed (113), located along a bale receiving axis (201), and/or a bale accumulating portion (116, 118) of the load bed (113) located adjacent to the bale receiving portion (114). A bale speed discharge control module (1106) controls a discharge speed of bales accumulated on a load bed (113) to a ground surface (128) responsive to a traveling speed of the accumulator (100). A field location control module (1115) controls a bale accumulation operation and/or a bale discharge operation of the accumulator (100) responsive to a location of the accumulator in a field (1135). One or more of these modules advantageously provides the accumulator (100) with a large bale accumulating capacity and intelligent bale accumulation and bale discharge operations to permit efficient, flexible and desirable harvesting of hay and forage.

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